

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FOR : COOKING UTENSIL

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A cooking utensil as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the name of the operating mode displayed on the display portion is changed according to an operating state of the cooking utensil.

Please add new Claim 4 as follows:

4 A cooking utensil as claimed in claim 2, wherein the name of the operating mode displayed on the display portion is changed according to an operating state of the cooking utensil.

REMARKS

Applicant is amending Claim 3 and adding new Claim 4 to avoid multiple dependent claims and to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as his invention.

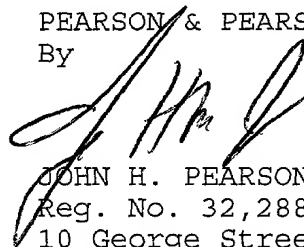
Applicant believes that Claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance and request that the foregoing amendment be entered and the case sent to issue.

If there are any questions, we urge the Examiner to call us. Please charge any costs in connection with this document to our Deposit Account No. 16-0875.

Respectfully Submitted,

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